



PHOTO SAFARI: WILDLIFE & LANDSCAPES (8D/7N) (TOPSLW) 2007 - 2008

DEPARTURE DATES

WILDLIFE (DECEMBER 15 - 22, 2007) ♦ LANDSCAPES (APRIL 19 - 26, 2008)

We offer our photo safari departures during two stunning seasons in the Torres del Paine National Park. Your Chile Nativo guide is a professional photographer and is knowledgeable about the ideal locations and times to capture stunning images. During either departure you'll have the opportunity for shooting magnificent vistas and an up close visit to the Glacier Grey part of the southern Patagonian ice field. Chances are we'll view a brilliant display of ice calving from the glacier. Other highlights include the majestic Andean Condor with its wing span of up to ten feet or a Chilean flamingo, a contrast in this harsh landscape. We keep the group small, maximum of 6 people to insure a high client to guide ratio. We lodge at the Hosteria Pehoe, the most centrally located hotel in the park and with spectacular views of the Paine massif just a step or short walk outside your bedroom door.

A few unique things about each departure:

December "Wildlife" departure: Spring in Patagonia offers long days of sunlight, vast landscapes of steeps (pampa) and a world of native flowers and plants springing alive. This is the time when the young are born to the wildlife unique to the area, including guanacos (Llama family), foxes, hares, ñandu (ostrich family) and pumas (mountain lions) in addition to many varieties of birds.

April "Landscapes" departure: Patagonia in the fall is a unique opportunity to capture the explosion of colors as the leaves on the native Nothofagus trees change to bright red against the backdrop of snow capped peaks of the Paine Massif. It's a time to take advantage of the sunlight that has softened and changed angles since the summer, creating magnificent shadows over the pampas and the rolling hills.

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Day 1 We recommend you take the early flight from Santiago to Punta Arenas (4 hours); ask for a window seat on the left aisle and make sure to bring your camera with plenty of film or memory storage space. If the skies are clear, you will enjoy amazing views of the Andes Mountain range, the Patagonian fjords and forests, the Southern Ice Fields and the Pacific Ocean. Upon your arrival at Punta Arenas, the most southern city of the continent, a private transfer will take you to your hotel in the center of town. After we settle in, we'll have a welcome dinner and program orientation with the Chile Nativo guide.

(20 minutes by private transfer) (D) (Night at Hotel Isla Rey Jorge)

Day 2 As we leave Punta Arenas we will be able to see the Strait of Magellan and the island Tierra del Fuego.



Shortly after leaving the airport, we will stop at the Magellan penguin colony on Otway Sound. Our 3-hour drive will take us through open pampas and huge ranches (estancias) and chances are we will be able to observe one of the most typical animals in this area, the ñandu, (similar to ostrich). We then arrive at Puerto Natales, located on the Sound of Last Hope, a typical fishing town surrounded by mountains. From here we will follow an unpaved road to Torres Del Paine National Park.



(6 hours by transfer) (B-L-D) (Night at Hosteria Pehoe)

Day 3 We will start the day with a sunrise shoot of the Torres Del Paine from the hotel location. After breakfast in the hotel we will head to Grey Lake so we can sail up to the Grey Glacier. In order to reach the boat we must walk through a mature beech forest where we might see magellanic woodpeckers or austral parakeets. We will sail for about an hour amongst the icebergs and up to Grey Glacier, where we



will stay for a while in front of the glacier in the hope of seeing icebergs calve (break off). Our return journey offers great views of Paine Grande with its impressive ice mushroom (icy peaks/plateaus). We will have a picnic lunch before continuing with a walk along the beach to observe the stranded icebergs.

(B-BL-D) (Night at Hosteria Pehoe)



Day 4 The day begins with a sunrise shoot of the western face of the Torres Del Paine from our hotel. After breakfast in the hotel we will head towards Sarmiento Lake, with its incredible dark blue waters and strange, calcareous (lime) formations. This sector provides excellent opportunities to photograph guanacos, grey foxes and the Andean Condor. On the way back to the hotel we will stop at the Salto Grande waterfall, one of the best areas for photographing flowers, where depending on the season, we may see orchids, calceolarias, and neneos. After a picnic lunch we will return to the Hosteria for a siesta. In the late afternoon (5-6PM) we will head east to shoot more guanacos.

(B-BL-D) (Night at Hosteria Pehoe)



Day 5 Early in the morning we will drive to the eastern side of the park to photograph the sunrise with the famous Torres (Towers) in the background. Since we need to leave before sunrise, there is the possibility of glimpsing a Mountain lion. After we photograph the sunrise we will drive to Laguna Azul, a lovely lake bordering the park. This area is ideal for observing different kinds of ducks, swans, coots and even woodpeckers, as well as having an incredible view of the Torres. We will picnic in front of the lake and then spend the rest of the afternoon taking photographs of flowers, wildlife and the wonderful views.



(B-BL-D) (Night spent at Hosteria Pehoe)

Day 6 Early morning, before sunrise, we will drive to the administration area of the park in order to photograph the legendary cowboys of Patagonia; the Gauchos. We can set up our cameras in an open area in front of the Cuernos (Horns), and we will be able to photograph the gauchos driving a herd of horses across the pampas, with the Torres Del Paine mountain range as our backdrop. We will have an opportunity to take the portraits of these cowboys while they work close to their corrals. With luck we will be invited to try the herbal tea called mate!



Right after the gaucho shoot we will search near the administration area for birds such as the Upland Goose, Pygmy Owl, Southern Lapwing and Magellanic Oystercatcher. In the afternoon we will return to the hotel for a siesta, before heading out to photograph guanacos against a backdrop of the Torres del Paine Mountains. We will have a late evening shoot of the mountains from one of the many lookouts before returning to the hotel for dinner.



(B-BL-D) (Night at Hosteria Pehoe)

Day 7 Today will provide the second chance for a sunrise shoot with the Towers in the background. Once again this time of day offers the best chance of seeing a mountain lion. Since this is our last day we will try to locate and photograph all the animals found in this area; guanacos, rheas, foxes and condors. This area, in particular, is a good place to photograph the guanacos silhouetted against the mountains.



We will have an early brunch before returning to the hotel where you will have some afternoon free time. This evening will provide the last opportunity to take the ultimate sunset shoot before we enjoy our farewell dinner together in front of the Paine massif.



(B-BL-D) (Night at Hosteria Pehoe)

Day 8 Private transfer to Punta Arenas, stopping for breakfast on route to Puerto Natales.

(5 hours by private transfer) (B)

REGARDING THE SCHEDULE

The schedules indicated above are subject to change due to weather conditions or unexpected circumstances beyond our control, but we will try our best to keep them unaltered

<i>PRICE</i>	<i>2 passengers</i>	<i>3-4 passengers</i>	<i>5-6 passengers</i>	<i>Single Supplement</i>
<i>Per person</i>	Us \$ 3.995	Us\$3.495	Us\$ 2.995	Us\$ 645

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-All the private transportation indicated in the schedule-One night at Hotel Isla Rey Jorge in Punta Arenas (double std room)-All meals indicated in the schedule (B: breakfast, BL: box lunch, L: Lunch, D: dinner)-Entrance fee to Seno Otway Penguin Reserve-Entrance fee to Torres del Paine National Park-Six nights at Hostería Pehoe in Torres del Paine (double superior rooms)-Boat ride to Glacier Grey-Professional photographer Guide (English-Spanish languages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Flight to Santiago, Chile-Internal Flight Santiago - Punta Arenas-Any additional nights-Medical expenses-Insurance of any kind-Personal expenses-Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks at the Hosteria-Lunch on Day 1 & 8-Gratuities for Guide & Driver